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Subject: SCE&G's Rate Hike

Good evening Commissioners, I hope you all are well. I read with great interest the press release detailing the rate hike that you all unanimously approved for SCE&G. The release stated that "The primary reason for the rate increase is to recover funds previously spent by the company in meeting federally mandated environmental and safety regulations to reduce emissions at its generating plants and to provide a federally required back-up dam to the Saluda River dam on Lake Murray in Lexington County." Now, if the safety regulations were mandated by the federal government, why is it that the hardworking citizens who are serviced by this monopoly are responsible for bearing the burden of paying these costs? It is just another instance of big business sticking it to the consumer again. We have no choice but to use the electricity supplied by this monopoly, so you all give in to their demands unanimously again. Thanks a great deal.

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